(e) if so, whether the Central decision to withdrawn the budgetary support to State Road Transport Undertakings will be greatly affecting the performance of transport sector in the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No Sir. However, the Planning Commission, in line with the Policy guidelines envisaged in Annual Plan 1993-94 Document, has been advising the State Governments that the expansion of bus fleet to meet the incremental traffic demand should come from the private sector. Thus, the need for State Road Transport Undertakings, expanding fleet are in exceptional cases only. The question of Centre's matching capital contribution would, therefore, arise, subject to the criteria of profitability being made by State Road Transport Undertakings.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The capital loan assistance is provided to State Road Transport Corporations set up under the Road Transport Corporation Act, 1950. It is given in the form of interest-bearing loan by the Central Government in an amount equal to one-half of the capital contribution made by the concerned State Governments. However, from the year 1988-89 onwards the capital loan assistance by Central Government is given to only those State Road Transport Corporations (SRTCs) which do not incur any net loss or are run at break-even.

(e) There is no such decision to withdraw the budgetary support to State Transport Corporations.

Improvement of National Highways in Karnataka

4844. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the total extent of National High ways in Karataka ;

(b) the total amount allocated for repairs and maintenance of National Highways in the State during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(c) whether the allocated amount has been fully utilised to improve the conditions of National-Highways in the State ;

(d) whether Government are considering to increase the extent of National Highways in Karnataka; and

(e) whether Government are aware that a few National Highways still have single lane roads and if so, what is the total extent of such single lane Highways in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) 1996 km.

(b) Amount allocated for repairs and maintenance of National Highways in Karnataka is given below :

(Rs. in lakhs)

1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
1105.85	1234.19	Demands for grants are yet to be approved by the Parliament.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No. Sir.

(e) Yes, Sir. 230 Km is still single-lane.